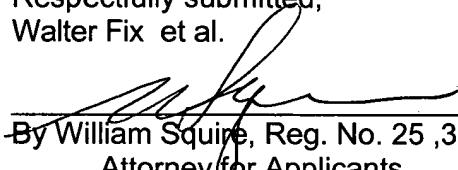


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are active. The claims are misnumbered with claim 3 missing in the response to the written opinion, in the translated amended claims and in the IPER form 416. Amendment is made to correct the numbering of the claims and to certain of the claims in the interest of clarity and consistency and to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

While no fee is believed due for this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that might be due for this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account 03 0678.

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